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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS ARISING FROM RADIO FREE EUROPE
BROADCASTS TO HUNGARY

REF A) BONN 6576; B) VALDEZ- EDMINSTER TELECON 5/8/73

1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL, VON DUNGERN
TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT APPARENT RESULTS
OF TWO RFE HUNGARIAN SERVICE BROADCASTS. HE
DID NOT SPECIFY SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION WHICH WE
SUPPOSE WAS FRG TRADE MISSION BUDAPEST.

(A) FIRST REPORT CONCERNED A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CLUB RUN
BY CATHOLIC PRIEST IN SOME UNSPECIFIED HUNGARIAN TOWN
OUTSIDE BUDAPEST. ACCORDING TO VON DUNGERN' S
INFORMATION, THIS CLUB, WHICH APPEALED PARTICULARLY TO
YOUNG PEOPLE, COMPETED DIRECTLY AND VERY SUCCESSFULLY
WITH PARTY- ORGANIZED CLUB WHICH WAS UNABLE TO AROUSE
MUCH INTEREST IN THE AREA. ACCORDING TO VON DUNGERN' S
INFORMATION, THE SUCCESS OF THE PRIEST' S CLUB
LED TO PRIEST' S TRANSFER AND INEVITABLE DISBANDING
OF CLUB.

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(B) SECOND STORY CONCERNED UN- NAMED HUNGARIAN ECONOMIST WHO REPORTEDLY TRAVELED FREQUENTLY TO WEST WHERE HE SPOKE RATHER OPENLY AND SOMETIMES CRITICALLY ABOUT ECONOMIC POLICIES AND CONDITIONS IN HUNGARY. AGAIN, ACCORDING TO VON DUNGERN' S INFORMATION, SOME OF THIS MAN' S STATEMENTS FOUND THEIR WAY INTO RFE BROADCASTS WITH RESULT THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOW SUBJECTED TO CONSIDERABLY GREATER RESTRICTIONS, BEING REQUIRED AMONG OTHER THINGS TO CLEAR TEXTS OF ALL SPEECHES AND STATEMENTS BEFORE HE IS GRANTED EXIT PERMISSION.

2. VON DUNGERN STATED THAT HE HAD NO WAY OF JUDGING VALIDITY OF THESE TWO ACCOUNTS, BUT WISHED TO RAISE THEM DURING VISIT TO MUNICH MAY 14.
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